Swadeshi Cotton Mills

†4944. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are going to provide Central pay scales and all the facilities of (N.T.C.) to the workers of Swadeshi Cotton Mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) to (c) No Sir, there is no such proposal. Wages of the workers in textile industry are decided as per settlement and awards under the Region-cum-Industry basis.

Persons employed in the Powerloom Sector

† 4945. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in the powerloom sector and in the organized and unorganized sectors;

(b) to what extent, the duty was received from the industry prior to the enforcement of the CENVAT and the extent of increase therein following the enforcement of the CENVAT; and

(c) the details of effects on production following the enforcement of CENVAT in the powerloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) The total number of persons estimated to be employed in the powerloom sector and organized and unorganized sectors of the textile industry as on 31-3-2003 is as under :

(i)	Powerloom Sector :	42.32 lakh
(ii)	Cotton Man-made Textiles (Spg. & Composite Mills)	9.99 lakh

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii)	Exclusive Weaving Mills	0.31 lakh
(iv)	SSI Spg. Mills	0.35 lakh
	Total	52.97 lakh

(b) & (c) No separate record is being maintained sector-wise regarding revenue or production; However, provisional Excise duty collection on fibre, yarn and fabrics for the period from April 2002 to January 2003 was Rs. 3552 crores and post budget figures have not been received so far.

Cultivation of Jute in Orissa

4946. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectares of land in the State of Orissa that have been brought under jute cultivation, so far;

(b) whether Government are aware of the problems of jute growers in that State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to provide adequate incentives to promote jute cultivation in that State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) During the year 2002-03, jute and mesta was grown on 8,000 Hectares and 27,000 Hectares respectively in the State of Orissa.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The main problems faced by the jute growers relate to availability of certified seed, market infrastructure, retting facilities, coupled with dependency upon rainfall.

(d) In order to enhance jute cultivation in Orissa, the Government of India has taken several steps including launching of Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP) with cent per cent Central assistance, distribution of jute related specialized agricultural equipments and quality seeds, providing financial contingencies and conditions for improved production technology & retting technology and organizing farmers' training programmes etc. Apart from this, Jute Corporation of India (JCI) undertakes procurement operation under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation for providing market support to the jute growers in the State.